

not been received. As an indication of consideration of the references cited in the IDS, Applicants respectfully request an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 that accompanied the IDS. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants have enclosed an additional copy of that Form PTO-1449.

With this amendment, Applicants have cancelled Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 10 and 11, without prejudice. Thus, Claims 3 and 6-8 remain pending. Claims 3, 6 and 7 read on the elected species of Figure 8. Claim 8 is a dependent claim that has been withdrawn. However, if base Claim 6 and intermediate Claim 7 are allowed, Applicants respectfully request that withdrawn Claim 8 be rejoined with the application, and that Claim 8 be allowed also.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney to discuss the application, if necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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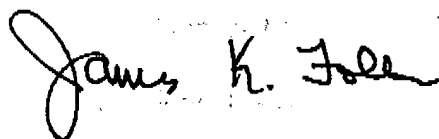
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